



**Harry Whale O.L.S. # 1982
1933 – 2009**

Harry Whale, of Hanover, passed away on November 15 at the age of 76. Mr. Whale was born in Portsmouth, England. He leaves his wife Joan (Bennett) Whale, sons Matthew (Sherry Lemont) Whale of Hanover and Jason (Alyona) Whale of Fort St. John, B.C., grandchildren Varvara, Heather and Lisa and great-grandchildren Kali and Damon.

Harry articulated to Gordon Wadsworth at the City of Toronto in 1955 and was sworn in as an Ontario Land Surveyor on November 12, 1958. He worked for Hewett, Dinsmore & Milne in Owen Sound, Canadian Aero Services in Ottawa and Nigeria, and A. M. Mackay & Assoc. in Hanover before settling into his own practice as Harry R. Whale Inc. in Hanover in 1965, where he remained until his retirement in 2000.

Harry was active in the Association, serving on Council from 1982 until he was elected president in 1986. He was also the chair of the Academic and Experience Requirements Committee in 1985, president of ISTO in 1990 and served on the University Liaison Committee.

Harry's personality, his humour and his dedication to the town of Hanover were a real joy and bonus. Harry brought to the community much more than his occupational skills. His artistic talents for theatre and music were freely volunteered with different groups. He put new life in the Hanover theatre, both directing and acting in many productions in the 1960's and '70's. He joined the Saugeen Valley barbershop chorus when it started, serving as chair for two years. When the local chapter folded, he joined the Mount Forest Harmonaires and sang with them. Again he served as chair for two years and took turns at developing show programs.

Harry was a natural leader. He was elected to the Hanover Hospital Board, serving as property chair for a turn. He was the president of the Hanover Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, the Hanover Parks Board and the Advisory Committee of Georgian College. Harry taught and helped administer courses at Georgian College in Owen Sound to prepare students for graduate studies in Land Surveying, sharing and passing on his expertise and knowledge.

He left a legacy of marks that shows up in the subdivisions and streets that he designed, where he was adept at fitting together the new and existing structures and patterns. He compiled a map of the underground storm and sanitary sewer systems in Hanover. Each storm and sanitary manhole was located and measured for depth and outlets; a valuable source of information for future development.

Harry was an avid sailor, and was Commodore of the Georgian Yacht Club, chair of Zone 9 of the Ontario Sailing Association and president of the Georgian Bay Yacht Racing Union.

He was confident, talented individual. He kept his balance with humour, music, action activities and a strong sense of caring for the people of his community, his town and his family.